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REFINING CAPACITY
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the refining capacity of each refinery at present ;

(b) whether the public sector oil companies propose to enhance the refining capacity of their refineries ;

(c) if so, the details thereof ;

(d) the total investment to be made to enhance refining capacity; and

(e) the extent to which the refining process to be modernised in these refineries ?

Answer

Minister of the State in the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural gas (Shri Dinsha Patel)

(a): The details of the refining capacity of each refinery working in the Public and Private Sectors are given at Annex.I

(b) to (d): Yes, Sir. The Public Sector Oil Companies are undertaking expansion projects to enhance the refining capacity as per detail given in Annex.II.

An estimated amount of Rs. 14,565 crore is likely to be spent on expansion of these refineries by the Public Sector Oil Companies.

(e):To enhance the economic performance of refineries, Modernisation Programmes, Integrated Gap Reduction Programme etc have been undertaken in some refineries. Besides improving fuel quality, modernisation programmes will enable the refineries to process a higher proportion of heavy/sour crude.